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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, thereby extending the response period to September 29, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed to pay the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required or to deposit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 503289.

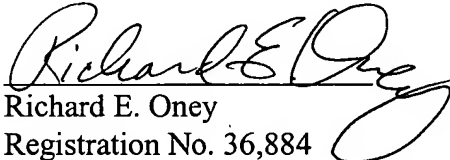
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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

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